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EXAMINER GROUP 2872

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
SEIICHI KASHIWABA, ET AL.)
Application No.: 09/236,339)
Filed: January 25, 1999)
For: OPTICAL-ELEMENT)
HOLDING MECHANISM,)
IMAGE-SHAKE)
CORRECTING DEVICE AND)
OPTICAL APPARATUS)

Examiner: T.Q. Nguyen
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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

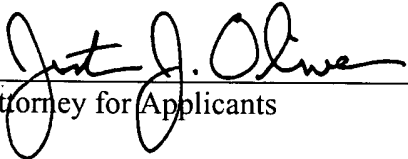
Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated June 27, 2002, a Petition for Extension of Time and the requisite fee having been timely filed on November 27, 2002, for an additional month from November 27, 2002, to December 27, 2002.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$520.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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